



HAWK SIGNAL

On Beacon Street near the Buckingham Street intersection



TO SIGN THE PETITION:
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- 1 HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signals: traffic signals that are activated by pedestrians who want to cross the street
- 2 Despite being designed to protect pedestrians, poor placement leads to drivers ignoring them
- 3 A HAWK signal replaced a traffic light on Beacon in 2019, despite residents' complaints that the signal is ineffective & dangerous
- 4 We are asking the City of Somerville to remove the HAWK signal and replace it with a traditional traffic light



Online Petition to replace the HAWK signal on Beacon St near Buckingham St

To the Somerville Traffic and Parking Department:

We, the undersigned, are the residents, parents, and patrons of businesses near Buckingham Street's dangerous intersection with Beacon Street. **We feel strongly that the City of Somerville must remove the HAWK signal and replace it with a traditional traffic light.**

The HAWK signal is both ineffective and dangerous because it leads pedestrians to believe that cars will stop for them. In the winter of 2018/19, during the Beacon Street reconstruction, the HAWK signal replaced a traditional signal, which for years had been in disrepair. The FHA1 recommends HAWK signals for multi-lane, high-speed roadways, yet Beacon Street is neither. Such misuse by vehicles of this HAWK signal has made the intersection more dangerous for all pedestrians, particularly for our children and the elderly.

Despite pleas by the Somerville Police Department, local politicians, and Somerville residents, the Somerville Traffic and Parking Department has not replaced the signal. We are deeply concerned about the risk of pedestrian injury from a vehicular accident at this intersection. The ineffectiveness of this signal has been documented by residents in video and attested to by Somerville PD personnel. **We believe the heavy use of this crossing by vulnerable pedestrians demands the immediate installation of a traditional traffic light signal at the intersection of Buckingham and Beacon.**

Sign the petition asking Somerville Traffic to place a traditional traffic light at Beacon St & Buckingham St

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